lane and about 660 Kms. of road length to four lanes.

Steps to Control Negligence by Driven of Private Buses

7243. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the travails of commuters and other travelling public due to rash and negligent driving by Red line bus operators in the capital;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a write up in the Pioneer' dated 20th April, 1995 under the heading "ugly face of privatisation"; and

(c) what precautions Government porpose to take to control the irresponsible behaviour of private operators on inter-State routes before the privatisation is introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The permit conditions are always prescribed for safe operation of the vehicles and adherence to the prescribed time tables and speed limit. Such conditions are equally applicable for Govt, and private buses. The enforcement authorities of State Transport Deptts. also monitor these operations.

Revival of CSL, HSL and HDPE

7244. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to "Starred Question 55 and Unstarred Question 3043 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27.7.94 and 17.8.94 respectively and state:

(a) whether the consideration/examination of the proposal for revival of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd. (HDPE) has been completed;

(b) if so, the salient features of the outcome of the examination and the steps being proposed to be taken for revival, outlining the action proposed for implementation;

(c) if not, the time frame for completion of the examination of this proposal highlighting the salient features of the proposal under consideration;

(d) whether two other Shipyards in India namely Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (CSL) and Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL) have been revived/are being revived by way of writing off several hundred crores of rupees, if so, whether similar steps are being taken for revamping of HDPE; and

(e) the investment made by GOI so far towards upgradation of facilities/modernisation of CSL, HSL and HDPE since their nationalisation vis-a-vis loss incurred by these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Since the assurances given in reply to the Starred Question No. 55 and Unstarred Question No. 3043, the issue of revival of the company and other related issues have been under the process of examination in consultation with other Ministries/Departments. Meanwhile, the company has suggested an action plan containing certain short-term measures to improve the performance of the company so as to render it viable. Action to examise these suggestions has since been initiated.

Restructuring of CSL has already been completed and action in respect of HSL has since been initiated.

(e) For improving, upgradation and modernisation of production facilities. Govt. of India have sanctioned projects amounting to Rs. 153.13 crores, Rs. 52.49 crores, and Rs. 15.56 crores for Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Cochin Shipyard Ltd., and Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd. respectively, the loss incurred by the Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Cochin Shipyard Ltd. and the Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd. are to the tune of Rs. 679.19 crores, Rs. 190.95 crores and Rs. 49.24 crores respectively.

Progress in Construction and Maintenance of National Highways in Gujarat

7245. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: